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From: Pamela Varni
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2011 1:15 PM
To: 'all-users@legis.state.ak.us'
Cc: 'operations.alaskaraptor@alaska.com'
Subject: Sanctioning of a Charitable Event
Attachments: Raptor Center Charitable Event.pdf

Dear Legislators and Legislative Staff:

Legislative Council at their meeting on Friday, November 4, 2011, sanctioned the below charitable event per AS 24.60.080(a)(2)(B).

- Alaska Raptor Center – Sitka – November 12, 2011

Per AS 24.60.080(a)(2)(B) it allows lobbyists to give tickets to a charitable event to Legislators and legislative staff. The charity must be a 501(c)(3) corporation and the Legislative Council must give its approval in advance of the gift giving. The value of the ticket counts against the annual limit on lobbyists (\$250).

Information on the event is attached.

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Our mission is to rehabilitate injured bald eagles and other birds of prey, to educate the public and to conduct bald eagle research.

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Senator Linda Menard
600 E. Railroad Avenue
Wasilla AK, 99654

Dear Senator Menard,

My name is Debbie Reeder, and I am the Executive Director of the Alaska Raptor Center in Sitka.

The Alaska Raptor Center is a 501c3 private non-profit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation of Alaska's wild birds of prey and education of the public about these birds and their habitats. We are supported by our membership, donors, summer revenue and our small gift shop.

Each November we hold a fundraising event consisting of a banquet and live and silent auctions. We rely on this event to help raise the needed funds to continue our mission, and we typically raise 9 to 10% of our annual revenue with this effort. This event is attended by many local citizens as well as friends from all over the State of Alaska, and even some from the Pacific Northwest.

I am writing to you today to request a sanction for our event. If granted, this sanction would allow us, or our guests, to invite legislators to be our guests for this dinner.

This year's event will be held on November 12, 2011 at 5:30 pm at the Alaska Raptor Center, 1000 Raptor Way, Sitka, AK 99385.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Debbie Reeder
Executive Director

Internal Revenue Service
District Director

Department of the Treasury

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in reply to your inquiry regarding your exempt status.

Our records show that your organization is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This exemption was granted in February of 1984, and remains in effect.

Also, our records indicate that you are not a private foundation, because you are an organization described in Section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for the taxes imposed under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100.00 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Your Employer Identification Number is 92-0098901.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



District Director